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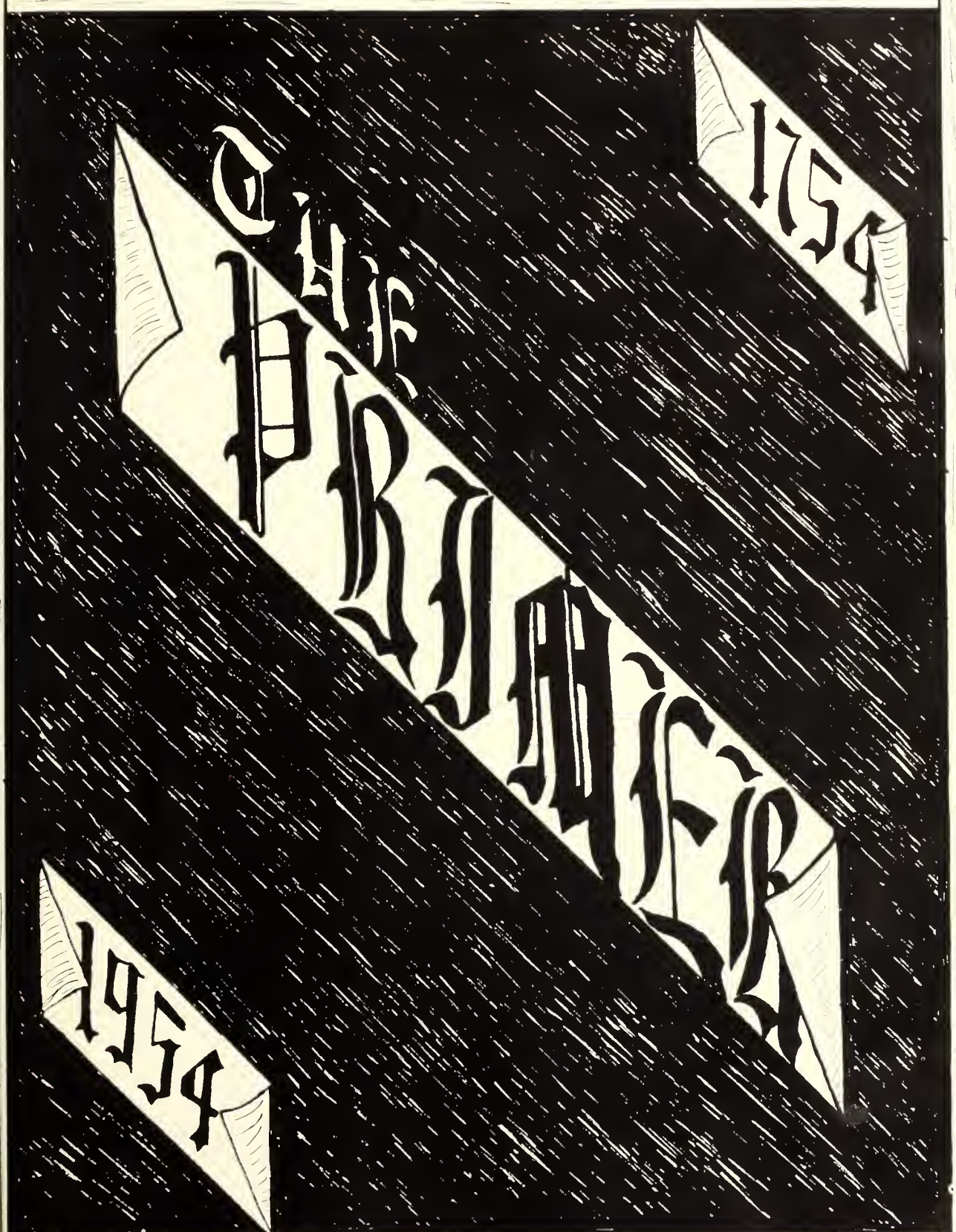

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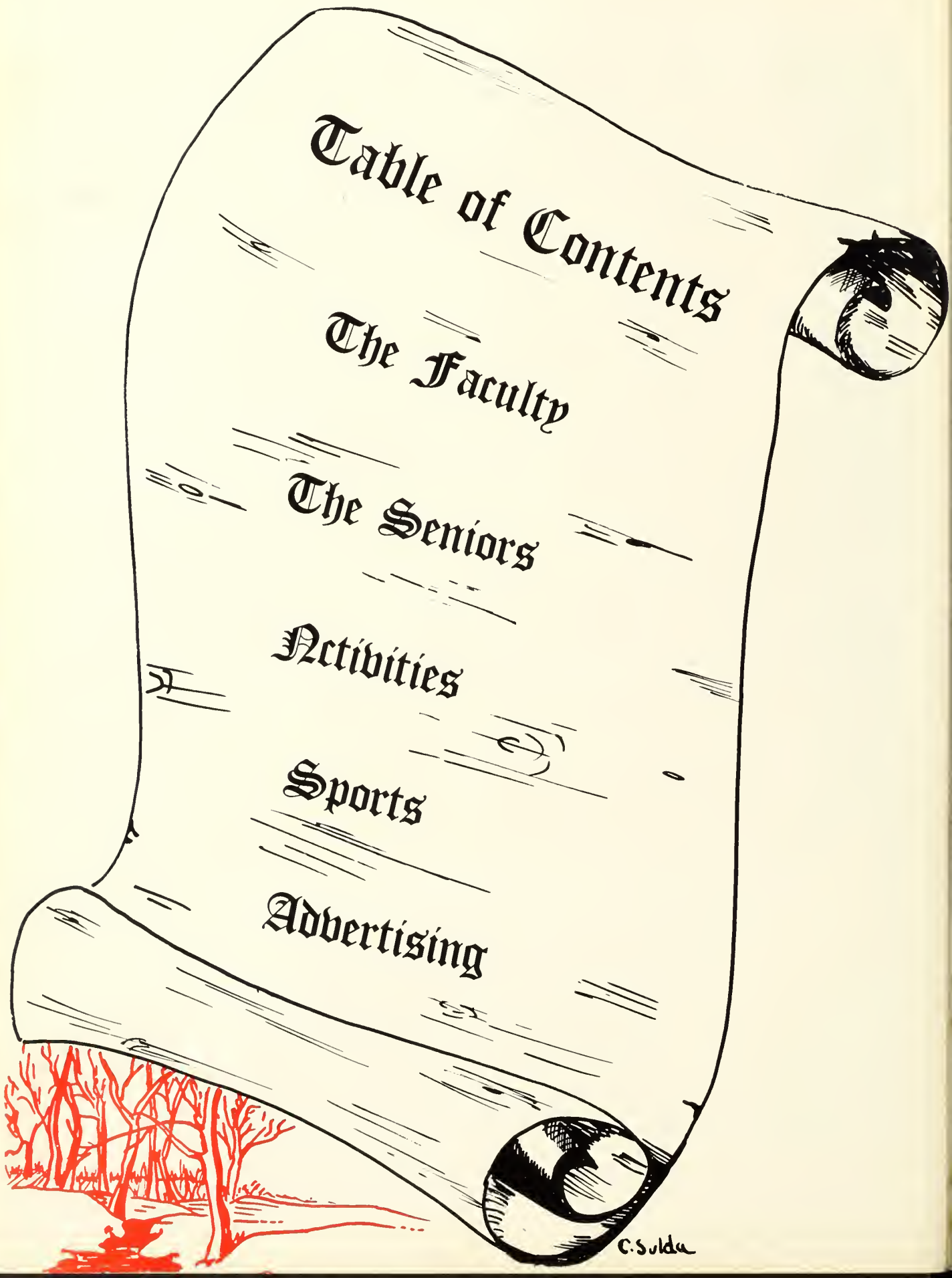
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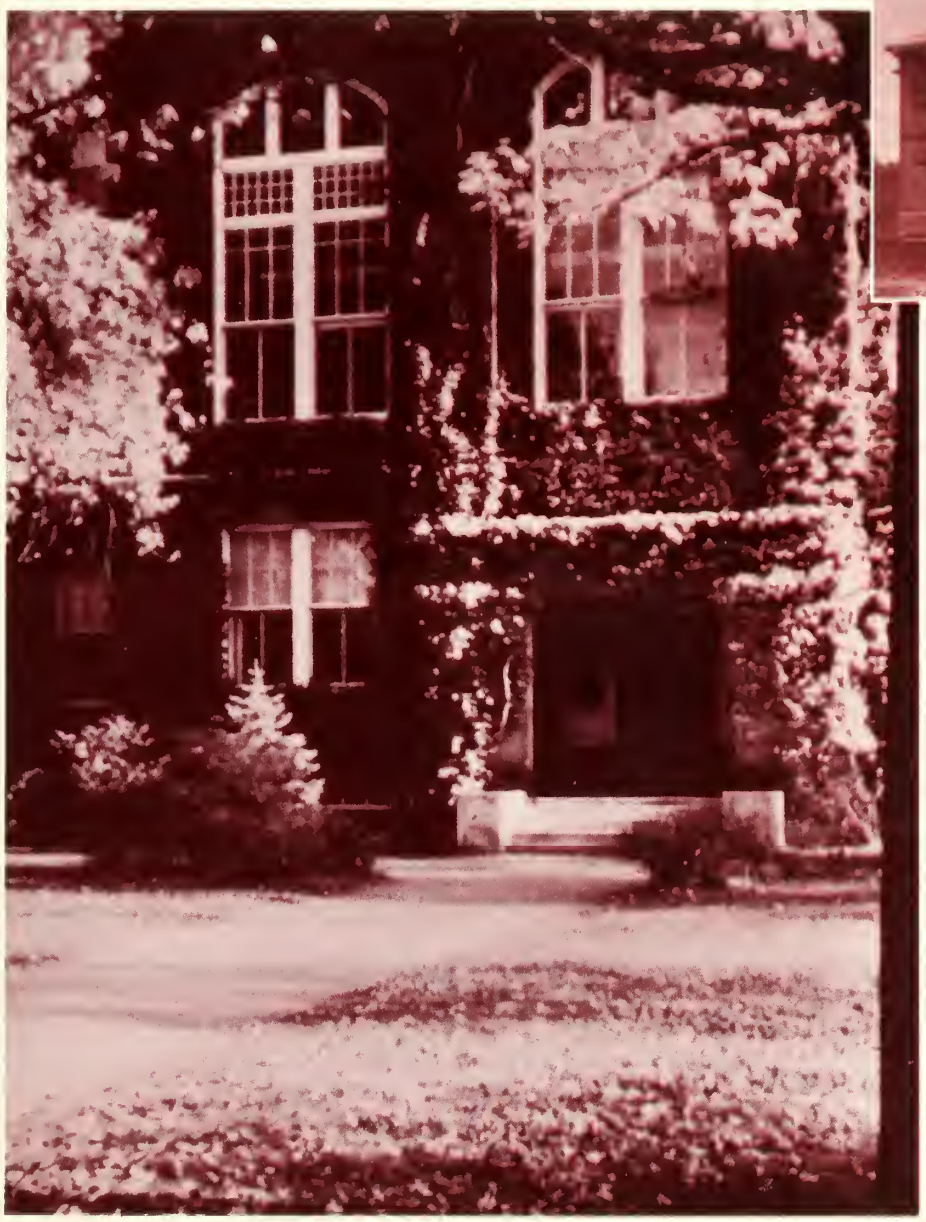


We salute you . . . . .

One of the first Schools where our forefathers first strove to gain knowledge, where the foundations of our present school system were laid, and . . . . .

Our own dear Turners Falls High School where we spent four of the most wonderful years of our lives — within these walls we have not only gained knowledge, we have gained something more, a better understanding of life's mysteries, and a new fellowship with all men.

NETOP STAFF

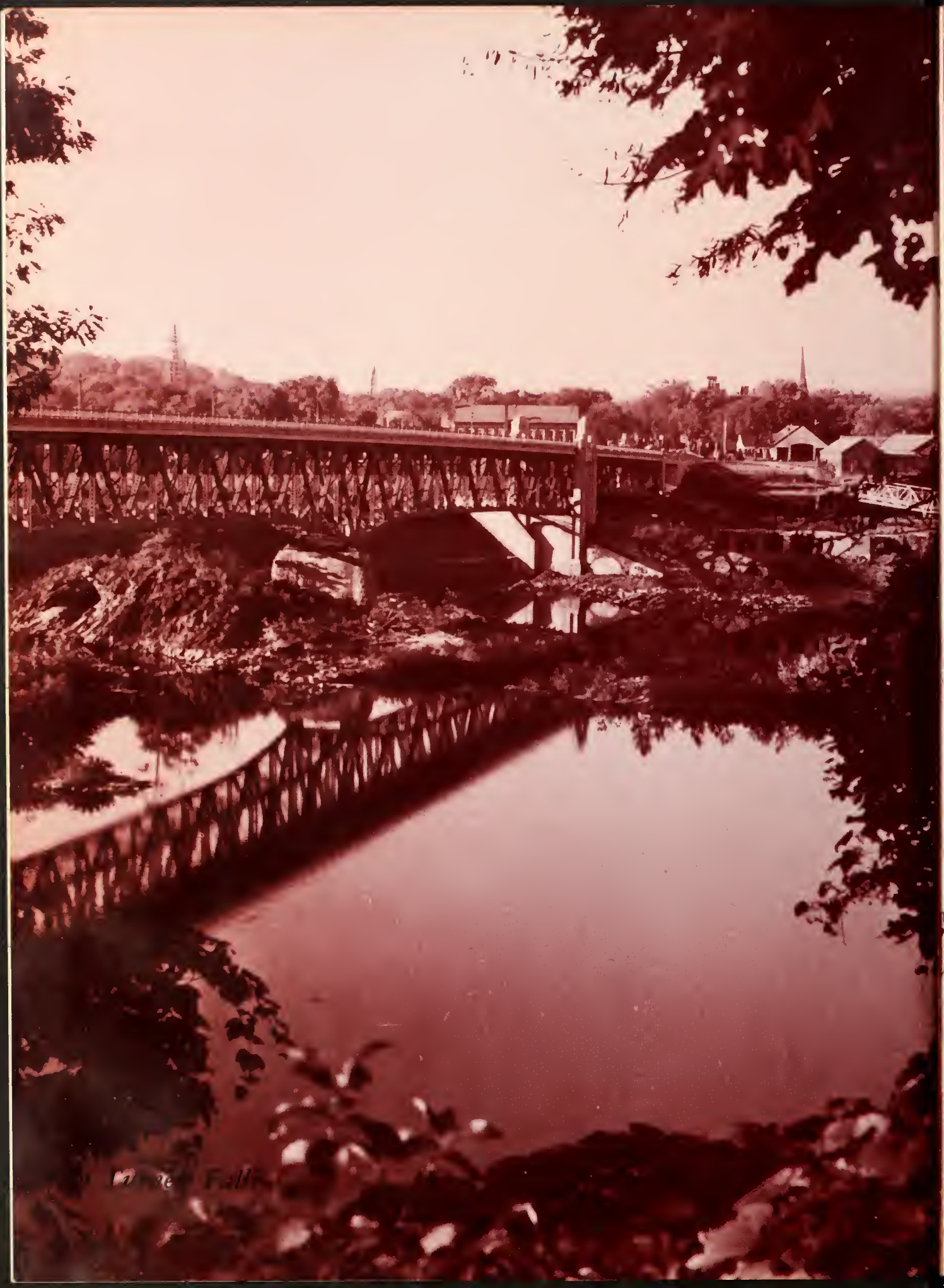
TYPISTS

who enjoyed every *moment together*

Yearbook Staff

This is the Netop and Yearbook Staff, who worked hard all year, striving to make our paper and yearbook a greater success than ever. During this last year, the work on this staff has taught us to assume responsibility, to co-operate, and to take criticism. Above all, we've had that feeling of satisfaction, after completing a job.

Yes, we've worked hard and learned much, but that was only part of it. After meetings, at dances, and on trips, we've shared many enjoyable hours. Through these times we have been drawn closer together and have become real friends. The comradeship we have found through our staff will remain with us long after our years here are over. It has been a great honor to serve on this staff. The things we've learned here and the friends we've made here, we will never forget.



Dedication

To those courageous, idealistic and adventurous pioneers who were first to settle in the Indian territories of "Peskeompsh-ut," "Hunting Hills" and adjoining villages, our hearts overflow with gratitude. In the early 1700's the population rapidly increased as the men of various trades - the farmers, fishermen, carpenters and lumbermen established homes in the fertile Connecticut Valley, under the leadership of such outstanding men as Captain Turner, Lieutenant Clapp, Reverend Hitchcock, Colonel Crocker, B. N. Farren and Ebenezer Marsh. Notwithstanding the fact that the inhabitants had varied religious and racial backgrounds, we note that "In Union there is Strength." We dedicate this our yearbook to our forfathers whose allegiance and loyalty to their community was as true and good as the evening star for they established the foundation of integrity, a quality that is today a matter of pride and a credit to our town — the town of Montague.

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The class of 1954 will long recall the memory of you our Superintendent, Mr. Arthur E. Burke. Although you have achieved a position of eminence, you still remain humble in offering your services whenever called upon to do so. We wholeheartedly express our deep gratitude for continual kindness throughout our school years.

ARTHUR E. BURKE

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To Mr. Wrightson, our Principal who has been more than just a principal to each of us . . . he has been our friend and counselor, and he has guided us through four of the most difficult years of our young lives. We will always remember his helpful advice and remarkable understanding.

Thank you Mr. Wrightson for being the kind of person you are and for setting us such a shining example.

MR. WRIGHTSON

like our guide

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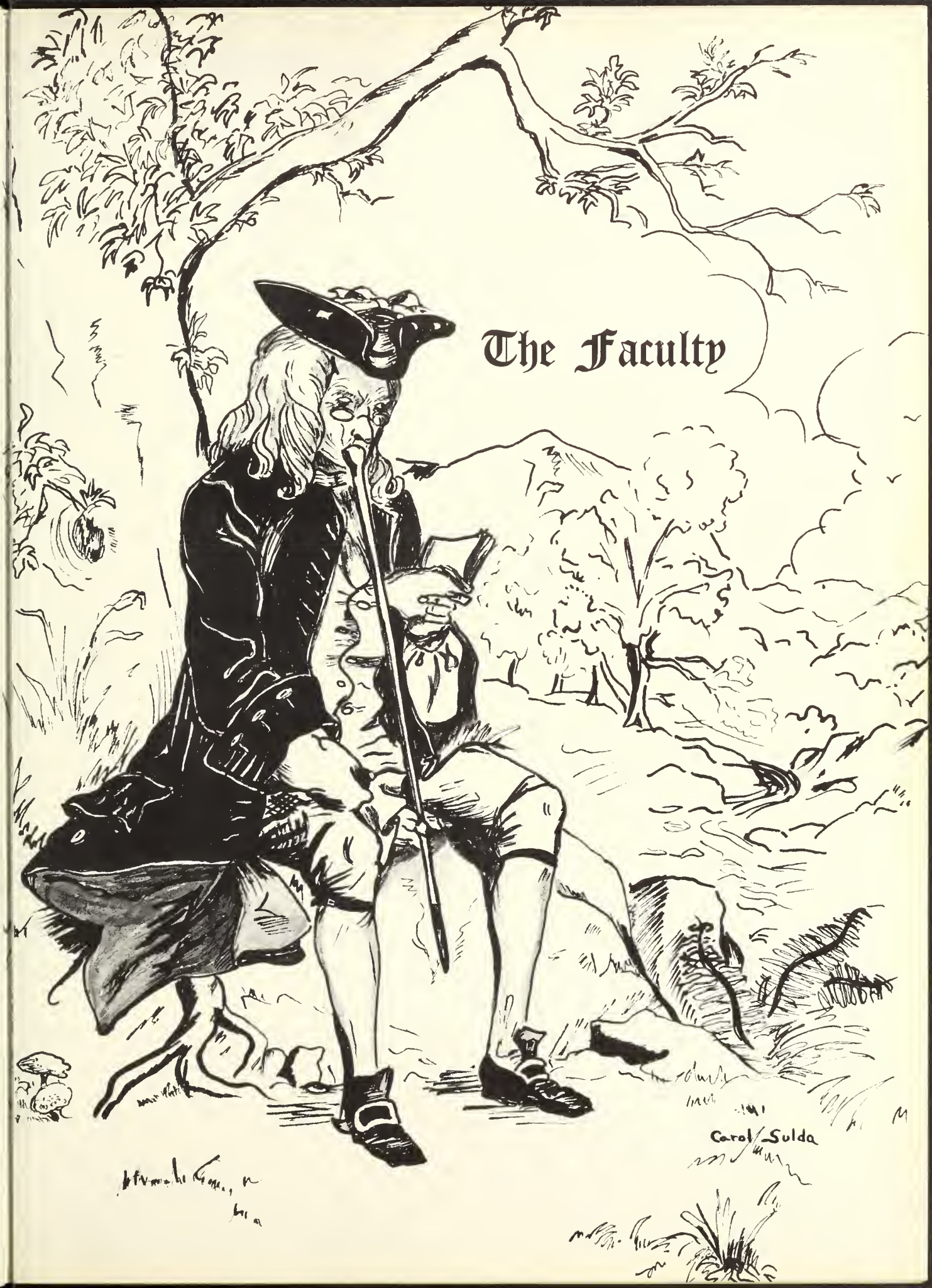
We the class of 1954, will always remember you
Miss Louise Clark
For your endless loyalty which is deeply appreciated. You were outstanding not only as a teacher, friend, and guide, but as an inspiration to each big accomplishment. Your patience never faltered and we will forever recall your quiet and understanding manner.

LOUISE CLARK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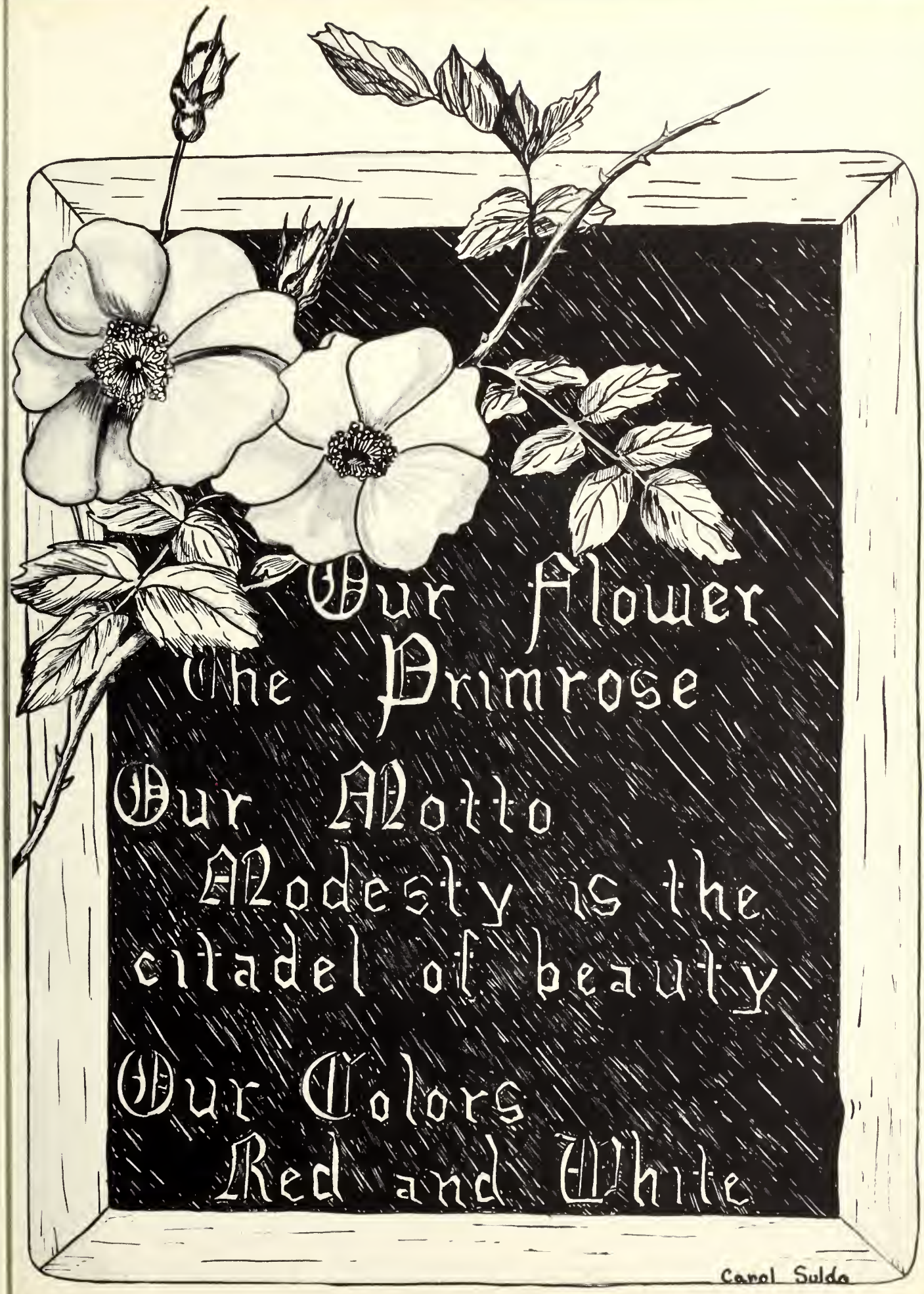
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Modesty is the citadel of beauty
Our Colors
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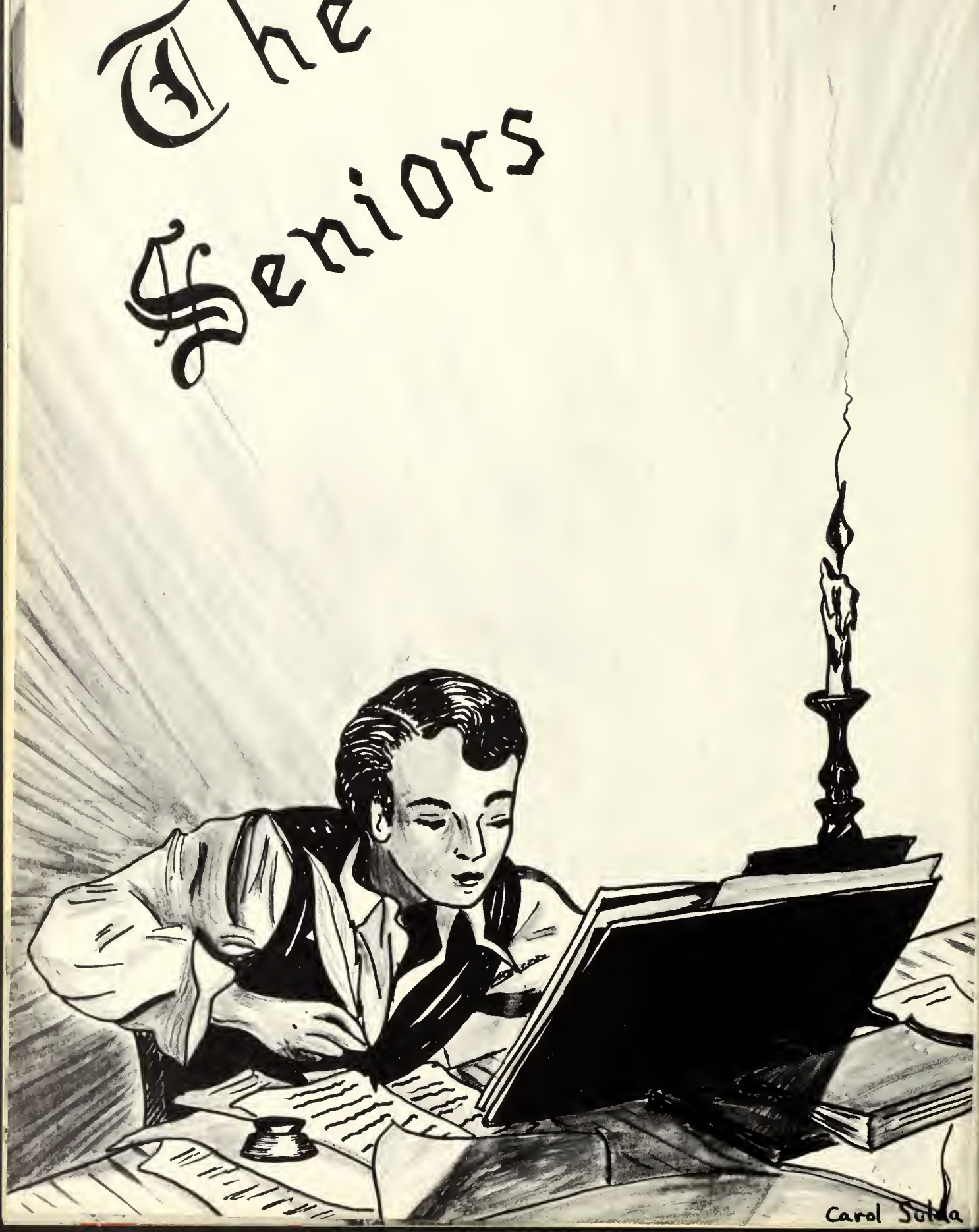
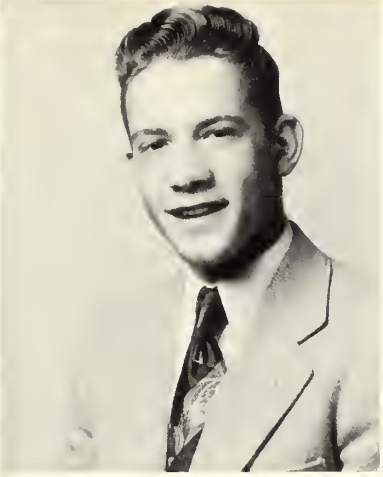
The Seniors



Senior Officers



ERNEST E. MOMANEY
"Red"

"A better comrade t'would be hard to find."

Red was active in sports being on the football team for two years, and he participated in intramurals for four years. He also was a member of the T Club. He was elected Vice-President of our class his senior year. He was a member of the History Club and Art Club for two years, and the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. Red was one of our Junior Prize Speakers and played the part of Martin in the play "Our Miss Brooks." He also took the part of Henry Moulton-Barrett in the Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

RICHARD THOMPSON
"Dick"

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much."

Dick was elected our class president for three years. He also was an active member of the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. Dick represented Turners at Boys' State and was a member of the Art Club. He participated in football his freshman year and also was on the class ring committee his sophomore year. Dick took the male lead, Robert Browning, in our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

BARBARA JUREK
"Barbie"

"A personality that changes to suit its surroundings."

Barbie, our class secretary, was one of our most active students being a member of the tumbling team for four years. She was also a member of the Art Club and Glee Club being section leader her senior year. She was a J.V. cheerleader her sophomore year and a Varsity cheerleader her junior and senior years. Barbie was a Junior Prize Speaker and also belonged to the Community Service and History Clubs. She served on some dance committees and was secretary to Mr. Oakes. Barbie was also in charge of properties for our senior play.

IARY L. KOZLOSKI
"Mary Lou"

"How all her care was to be fair
And all her tasks to be sweet."

Mary Lou, our efficient class reasurer, has shown interest n many of our school activi- es. She was a member of he Art, History, French, Community Service, and Glee Club; she was elected Presi- ent of the Glee Club her enior year. Mary Lou was our happy majorette who lead ur band and besides all of hese, she was an office girl. Ushering and serving on ance committees were also n her agenda. Mary Lou was n charge of costumes for our enior play.

WILMA M. LYMAN
"Willie"

"Always to excell and be superior to others."

Willie has been very active these four years being class historian and editor of the Netop and co-editor of the Yearbook. She was a member of the band and Girls' Glee Club for three years and the basketball and tumbling teams for four years. Willie was in the Art Club, History Club, and Camera Club for two years and the Community Service Club for three years. She was first prize winner in the Junior Prize Speaking Contest. At the Junior Prom she was an usher. She played the part of Miss Brooks in the one act play. "Our Miss Brooks." She was a section leader in Glee Club her senior year. "Willie" took the part of "Arabel" in the Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

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JACQUELINE ANN ANNEAR "Jackie"

"To know her was to love her
But golden was her hair, I will not lie."

Jackie, who has been one of our peppy cheer leaders for two years, started by being a J.V. cheerleader during her sophomore year. Besides being active in cheering, she was in the Art Club for one year, Community Service Club for three years, History Club for three years, and she was a tumbler for four years. Jackie played Intramural basketball for one year, ushered at the Junior Prom, was on the nominating committee her sophomore year and ushered at the Freshman Hop. In her senior year she was manager of the Girls' Basketball Team. "Jackie" was a ticket seller for "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" our Senior Play.

JOAN BEVERLY BEAUCHAMP "Joanie"

"A friend may well be reckoned as the masterpiece of Nature."

Joanie was active in the musical department all four years. She was in the band for four years, orchestra three years, and Swingsters for two years. Along with these activities she belonged to many clubs including the History, Camera, Art, and Girls' Glee Club. Joanie played basketball for two years and was a tumbler for four years. She also ushered at the Sophomore Social and the Freshman Hop. Joanie did a fine job as "Bella" in our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

RAYMOND BENDER "Ben"

"The laughter of man, is the contentment of God."

One of our most active students was Ray. He was on the football team for three years, tennis team for four years, Boys' Glee Club for three years, Manager of the basketball team for two years, and played intramurals for four years. Along with this he belonged to the Art, History, and T Clubs. Ray was an alternate for Junior Prize Speaking and ushered at the Sophomore Social, Freshman Hop, and the Junior Prom. He displayed his acting ability in the play "Our Miss Brooks", in which he played the part of the athletic coach, and in the Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street", in which he played the exacting part of Edward Moulton-Barrett.

EDWARD BIALECKI "Eddie"

"Beneath a rough exterior he hides a heart of gold."

Eddie was fairly active in sports during his four years at Turners. He played football for two years, basketball for one year, and baseball for one year.

LAURETTE PHYLLIS BORDEAUX "Laurie"

"Nothing in life is more wonderful than faith."

Laurie was a member of the Home Economics Club, the Community Service Club, The History Club, and the Girls' Glee Club. She ushered at Graduation her junior year and was on the decorating committee for the Junior Prom. Laurie also was a ticket seller for our senior play.

PHILIP BORDEAUX "Phil"

"An upright, downright honest man."

"Phil" was a member of the Boys' Glee Club for three years. He played Intramural Basketball during his Sophomore and Junior years. He did a fine job in the role of Charles Barrett in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." Because "Phil" shouldered a man's responsibilities at a very early age and carried on through high school he has not had time for those many extra activities which mean so much to the average student. We are proud, "Phil", to number you among the most dependable of the Class of '54.

LEWIS A. BROWN "Bud"

"True silence is the rest of the mind."

Bud was a member of our band for one year. He sang with the Boys' Glee Club for three years and was on the track team for one year. Bud was also George Moulton-Barrett in our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

PATRICIA BROZO "Pat"

"Benevolence in small things."

Pat was in the Home Economics Club in her Freshman year and was one of the snappy tumblers for four years. She was also a member of the Art, Community Service, and History Clubs. Pat served as secretary to Mr. Sullivan and was a Bank Day Cashier in her senior year. She also ushered at Class Day and Graduation. Pat was a ticket seller for our senior play.

WALTER CADRAN

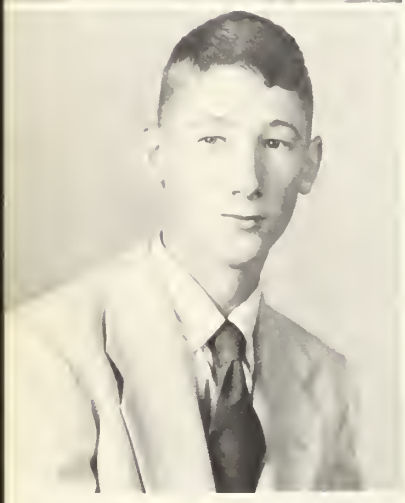
"Sincere and ever trying."

Walter was a member of the Rifle Club and the History Club. He also participated in many track activities.

MILDRED ELIZABETH CALL "Millie"

"Sweetness, goodness in her person shine."

Millie was very active in musical activities during her high school years. She was a member of the band for four years, being librarian for three years, a member of the orchestra for four years, the Swingsters for three years and the Glee Club for three years. She also belonged to the Community Service Club, Home Economics, Camera, and History Clubs. Besides this she was on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs, ushered at the Sophomore Social, Junior Prom, Freshman Hop, and Junior Prize Speaking. She was also on various decorating committees. Millie helped on the costume committee also for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."



WILLIAM JOHN CARE "Bill"

"It certainly is conceivable,
He's short, light and unbelievable."

Bill took an active part in the Art Club, History Club, and French Club. He was on the ring committee in his sophomore year and served on the decorating committee for the Sophomore Social.

HELEN LOUISE CHAGNON "Chag"

"Wise to resolve and patient to perform."

Chag was president of the Home Economics Club and contributed much to the tumbling team during her four years. She was a member of the Camera Club, History Club, Community Service Club, and the Girls' Glee Club as well as being an usher for Junior Prize Speaking. Chag also served as Bank Day Cashier and as secretary to Miss McGillicuddy. Chag was also on the make-up committee for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

AMY PATRICIA COTTER "Amos"

"Her wit was more than man, her innocence a child."

During her senior year, Amos was one of our snappy Varsity Cheerleaders. She portrayed the mischievous "Midge" in the Columbus Day Play and was also on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. Amos was interested in a great many school activities. She was secretary of the French Club in her senior year, treasurer of the History Club, and an active member of the Community Service Club. In addition to these, she was also a section leader in the Girls' Glee Club. Amos played the part of Octavius Barrett in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

LEWIS COUNCILMAN "Muscles"

"This above all to thine ownself be true."

Louie was an outstanding football star for four years. He played basketball in his freshman year and also in his senior year. He participated in intramurals. He was a member of the History Club in his junior year and the T Club in his sophomore, junior and senior years. Louie was in track for two years and was a three year active member of the Boys' Glee Club.

JEAN COUSINO "Cutch"

"Patience is the best remedy for every trouble."

"Cutch" played the clarinet in our band in her freshman and sophomore years. She was a member of the Community Service Club and the Art Club and she ushered at the Sophomore Social.

ROGER CROSSMAN "Rog"

"Good temper like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over everything."

Roger was one of our excellent trombone players, participating in the band, orchestra, and Swingsters during his freshman and sophomore years. He played "Stanley" in the Armistice Day Play, was on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs and was a member of the Camera Club and the Boys' Glee Club, serving as president of the latter during his senior year. He was awarded third prize in the annual Junior Prize Speaking Contest. "Rog" also played the role of Henry Bevan in the senior play "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

ELIZABETH CROTEAU "Liz"

"Her patience will achieve more than her force."

During her freshman year, Liz was in the Economics Club. She also was a member of the French Club, Community Service Club, and the Girls' Glee Club.

GRACE DAMON "Gracie"

"Affect no honour but what she can give."

Gracie was one of the peppiest members of the tumbling team. She also took an active part in the Community Service Club.

ELLA DAUPHINAIS "Ellie"

"Softly speak and sweetly smile."

Ella was a member of the Home Economics Club in her freshman year. During the next three years the History, Art, Camera, French, and Community Service Clubs occupied her time. She was one of our capable Bank Day Cashiers and secretary to Mr. Bordeau in her senior year. In addition, Ella was on the decorating committee for the Junior Prom and ushered at Prize Speaking and for various school dances. She also was on the ticket committee for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

ROBERT JOSEPH DESAUTELS "Bob"

"A graceful and a pleasing figure is a perpetual letter of recommendation."

Bob was active in sports, playing basketball for four years, football and baseball three years, and track two years. He played intramural basketball for four years and was a member of the T and History Clubs. He was also vice-president of our class in his sophomore year. Bob played the part of Allen in the Columbus Day Play and was a member of the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. He ushered at various dances. Bob also was one of the stage managers for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

ISABELLE DICKSON "Zip"

"Our worth is determined by the good deeds we do."

Zip was on the staff of Netop and Yearbook. She showed her athletic ability by becoming a guard on the Girls' Basketball Team. In her Junior year, she was an usher for Class Day and Graduation and this year she decorated for the Freshman Hop. Zip also was chairman of our Columbus Day play besides being one of the cast. Zip was also on the costume committee for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

MARIAN ELLEN DUNCAN "Dunc"

"A workman is known by his work."

Marian has taken an active role in quite a few of our organizations. In her Freshman year, she belonged to the Home Economics Club of which she was the treasurer. She was also a member of the Community Service Club and hit the high notes in the Glee Club for three years. Proving her business ability, she was one of the head Bank Day Cashiers and assistant to Miss Kelley, Mr. Burke's secretary. Serving on several dance committees, she was on decorations for the Sophomore Social and Prom and refreshment committee for the Freshman Hop. She was an usher for Junior Prize Speaking. During her Senior year, she was on Netop and Yearbook staffs. She was also in the Armistice Day play. Dunc was also on the make-up committee for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

HELEN VIRGINIA EVANS

"It is her nature to be calm and undisturbed."

Helen was in the History Club, Girls' Glee Club, and Community Service Club. She was also on the decorating committee for the Junior Prom. She also served on the ticket committee for our senior play.

JOSEPH VENCIL FOLK, JR. "Joe"

"Men of great abilities are generally of a large and vigorous nature."

Joe proved his love of sports by participating in both football and basketball for four years and the track team for two years. He was a member of the T Club for three years and belonged to the History Club in his senior year.

KAY NELLIE FOLK

"Bounty in work and effort made honorable."

Kay took part in many clubs throughout her high school years. She was in the Home Economics Club, Community Service Club, History Club and Art Club. Being very artistic, Kay served on various decoration committees and was chairman of the Freshman Hop. In commercial work, she was a Bank Day Cashier and secretary to Mr. Fugere. Kay was also on the ticket committee for our senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

CHRISTIAN FRITZ "Buddy"

"Born for success, he seemed with grace to win and heart to hold."

Buddy played great football for four years at Turners Falls High. He ushered at the Junior Prom and was elected President of our History Club his senior year. He also was an active member of the T Club for three years.

DONALD GELINAS "Gelly"

"A good man is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Donald was extremely active in the field of sports. He played football, basketball, and baseball and also was on the track team for four years. In addition, he belonged to the French Club for one year and the T Club for three years.

EDNA GENDREAU

"Politeness goes far, yet costs nothing."

Edna came to our high school in her senior year and therefore had little chance for our activities. She formerly lived in Townsend and spent her first three years of high school there, where she was a cheerleader. We were very glad to have Edna join our class and this year she became a member of our History Club.

SHIRLEY ANN GREENE "Shirl"

"She's quiet, precise, and oh so neat,
But there's loads of fun underneath."

Shirley belonged to the Home Economics Club in her Freshman year and in her Sophomore year was a J.V. cheerleader. She was a member of the Community Service and History Clubs and was one of our songsters in the Girls' Glee Club. In her junior year, Shirley ushered at graduation exercises and in her senior year was a Bank Day Cashier.

DONALD PAUL GREENOUGH "Scoop"

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Scoop played football his freshman year and his senior year, was on the track team for three years, played basketball for one year, and was a member of the T Club for one year. He was also a member of the Art Club, and History Club being vice-president of the latter his senior year. Scoop belonged to the Glee Club his junior year, ushered at various dances, and played the part of "Clancy" in the play, "And Came The Spring." Scoop was also on the ticket committee for our senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

MAUREEN FRANCES HANLEY "Neenie"

"If she makes us happy now, she'll make us happy twenty years hence by the memory of it."

Neenie's jovial manner made her a welcome member of many clubs. She was in the Community Service, Art, and History Clubs, and she was treasurer of the French Club during her junior year. In addition, she sang in the Girls' Glee Club for three years and was section leader her senior year. She was an active guard in intramural basketball. Neenie also served on the decoration committee for the Sophomore Social and ushered at graduation and class day in her junior year. Neenie was a ticket seller for the senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

NANCY HASTINGS "Nance"

"Be always as merry as ever you can."

Nance was a member of the Home Economics Club her freshman year and for three years was a member of the Girls' Glee Club and the Community Service Club. She was also on numerous committees for dances and on the nominating committee for class officers. Nance portrayed "Sylvia" in the play "Our Miss Brooks," and she was secretary to Miss Clark.

ALICE JACKSON "Sis"

"Laugh and be merry
Better the world with a song."

Sis was one of our peppiest basketball players being a member of the Varsity squad for four years. During her sophomore year she was a twirler in the band. Sis was also a member of the Art and Glee Clubs. She has been on quite a few decorating committees and was secretary to Mrs. Reidy. Sis was also on the make-up crew for our senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

DUNSTON GREY JACKSON, JR. "Dunny"

"He fills his lifetime with deeds not with inactive years."

Dunny will be remembered for the way he was always willing to lend a hand. He was a member of the History Club his senior year and was on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. Most of his spare time was spent in helping to decorate for many dances. He was also stage manager of the play, "And Came The Spring," and for our senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" as well.

DONALD FRANCIS KELLY "Simp"

"A little nonsense now and then can do little harm."

Simp played basketball for four years and he was elected captain of the basketball team his senior year. He also was on the football team for two years and went out for track his senior year. He was a member of the T Club and History Club. Besides these he ushered at several dances and portrayed "Buzz" Lindsay in the play, "And Came The Spring."

DOLORES KENDROW "Dodo"

"Always a helping hand to a friend in trouble."

Dodo was a member of the Home Economics Club, Girls' Glee Club, and the Community Service Club. She also belonged to the French Club and was a Bank Day Cashier for two years. Ushering at the Sophomore Social and secretary to Miss Purrington were also to be found on her list of school activities.

STANLEY KESTYN "Sonny"

"A carefree and a jolly way he had."

Sonny played four years of football and intramural basketball. He belonged to the T Club, and to the History Club being elected secretary of the History Club his senior year. Sonny ushered at the Junior Prom and was also a Stage Manager for our senior play.

EARL KUKUKLA

"He fed his spirit with the bread of books and slaked his thirst at the wells of thought."

Earl is a World War II veteran. He served in the United States Navy and Air Corps for eight years. Because of his responsibilities as a husband and father, Earl has a job after school and does not participate in any activities. He shows a great deal of ambition in coming back to finish his high school career. Earl, you've been a very welcome addition to our class and you are liked and admired by both students and teachers.

THEODORE LaCLAIRE "Ted"

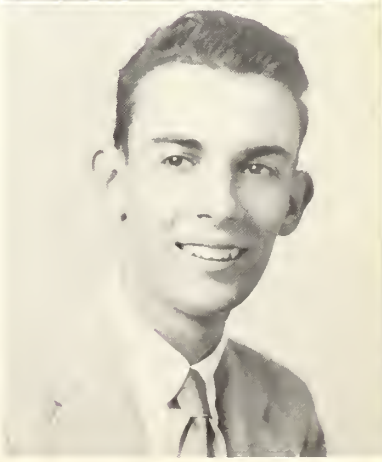
"He hath an infinite deal of wit."

Ted was a member of the Rifle Club. He also served on many dance committees. He was the manager of the Boys' Basketball Team and played intramurals. Ted didn't take part in many activities because he was needed at home, nevertheless, we realize that Ted, although quiet and unassuming, is one of the nicest boys in the senior class. Ted was also our able electrician for the senior play.

PAUL LeMOINE "Paulie"

"A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the wisest men."

Paulie was a member of the band and orchestra during his junior and senior years. He sang in the Boys' Glee Club and was also vocalist for the Swingsters. Paulie was a member of the French Club and the Camera Club. He was a member of the Netop and Yearbook staffs and was a Junior Prize Speaker. He took the part of Ted in the play, "Our Miss Brooks." Paul also played basketball and tennis.



JOSEPH MALINOWSKI "Joe"

"An able man who shows his spirit by gentle words and resolute ideas."

Joe found it necessary to work throughout high school, but nevertheless found time to play baseball for three years and basketball for one year.

ELLIOT CLINTON MARKHAM "Elly"

"The mildest manner with the bravest mind."

Elliot went out for basketball for two years and football for one year. He was a member of the Boys' Glee Club for three years and was librarian in his senior year. He was an alternate for Junior Prize Speaking and a member of the History Club for one year. He played the part of the father in the play "And Came The Spring," and the part of Captain Cook in the senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

DEAN MATHERSON "Deanihu"

"None so near the gods as he who shows kindness."

Dean worked all through high school and thus had little time for extra curricular activities, though he ushered at the Junior Prom and the Freshman Hop.

JEANETTE JEAN MAGDYCZ "Jeannie"

"Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows."

Jeannie was a member of the Art Club, History Club, Community Service Club, and was on the nominating committee in her junior year. She played basketball for four years and intramurals for three years.

GERTRUDE MILLER "Trudy"

"She eateth not the bread of idleness."

Trudy was a member of the basketball team for four years and the Art Club for three years. She was a member of the Girls' Glee Club for three years being secretary her senior year. She belonged to the Home Economics Club her freshman year. Trudy was a member of the Community Service Club for three years and the tumbling team for two years. She was also one of our snappiest cheerleaders. Trudy played the part of Wilson, the maid in the senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

ROSEMARY THERESA MURPHY "Murph"

"God does not measure us by inches."

Murph was a member of the Home Economics Club her freshman year. She was active in the Art Club for two years and in the Community Service Club for three years. She sang with the Girls' Glee Club for two years and was a member of the History Club her senior year. Murph ushered at the Junior Prom and was also in charge of properties for our senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

PHYLLIS ANN NELSON "Nellie"

"She who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare."

Phyllis was one of those snappy cheerleaders for four years and became captain her senior year. In the Armistice Day Play she portrayed Rhonda in "Our Miss Brooks." She was also a typist on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. Phyllis was active in various clubs including the Art, History, and Community Service and was Librarian of the Girls' Glee Club. She was a tumbler and played basketball for four years as well as Intramural basketball. Besides these activities she was an usher at the Junior Prom and was Chairman of the refreshment committee at the Sophomore Social. Nellie was on the Make-up Committee for our Senior Play "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

MARY CATHERINE O'HARA "Sandy"

"An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit."

Mary ushered at the Junior Prom and was on various dance committees. She portrayed Virginia in "And Came The Spring." She was was also a member of the History Club and the Community Service Club. During her senior year, Mary was on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. She also was in charge of the costumes for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

FERDINAND MICHAEL OLCHOWSKI "Freddie"

"With his eyes upon a distant star
Fred we know will travel far."

Freddie was a member of the band for four years, being student director during his senior year. Moreover, he was a member of the Swingsters, orchestra, and Boys' Glee Club. He displayed his acting ability in Junior Prize Speaking and by portraying "Mr. Wadsworth" in "Our Miss Brooks." Fred was an usher at the Junior Prom as well as being on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. Besides this, Freddie was also active in the French, History, and Art Clubs. Freddie played the part of *Doctor Ford Waterlow* in our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

JOHN PALLASH "Johnie"

"An honest man without pleats."

"Johnie", a very quiet boy, didn't take part in any school activities. However, his patience and determination cannot go unnoticed. So "Johnie" congratulations, and we may all take a lesson from your sheer pluck and good will.

ROY PAULIN "Star"

"Always a smile on his face
There's just no one to take his place."

Roy was a member of our football team for two years and he was also in the Art Club and the French Club.

JEAN PHILLIPS "Jeanie"

"The one who rarely speaks is always listened to."

Jeanie has been a member of the French Club, Glee Club, Community Service Club, and the Home Economics Club. She was a Bank Day Cashier for two years and secretary to Miss Little. She was also on the class ring committee her sophomore year.

JOAN BARBARA PIERCE "Joanie"

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Joan was a member of the Girls' Glee Club for three years, Art Club, and Community Service Club. She was on the class ring committee her sophomore year and she was a tumbler for four years. Joanie was a J.V. cheerleader and a Varsity cheerleader as well as being an usher at Class Day and Graduation. Joanie was one of the capable members of the ticket committee for the Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

MARGARET ANNE RICHARDS "Peggy"

"Whatever she did was done with so much ease."

Peggy has been active in the musical organizations for three years. She was a member of the band, orchestra, and the Girls' Glee Club. In her senior year Peggy was on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. She was a member of the History Club, Art Club, and Community Service Club. Peggy was one of the office girls and during her sophomore year was elected Secretary of her class. Peggy played the role of Septimus Moulton-Barrett in the Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

MARTHA LOUISE RIEL "Marty"

"Be there a will, wisdom finds a way."

Martha was a member of the Girls' Glee Club for three years, Community Service Club for three years and the History Club for one year and was on the Staffs of the Netop and Yearbook her senior year. Martha designed and was Chairman of the decorations for the Junior Prom, Chairman of the refreshments for the Freshman Hop as well as being on various other dance committees. She ushered at Junior Prize Speaking and was a Bank Day Cashier for two years. "Marty" was an assistant to Miss Teed for our Senior Play.

LEWIS JOSEPH ROBERTS "Shiv"

"In every deed of mischief he had a heart to resolve."

"Shiv" played baseball and basketball for two years. He was a member of the History Club and was on the business staff of the Netop and Yearbook. He also served on various dance committees. "Shiv" was the very capable business manager of our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

JAMES RUSSELL "Jim"

"He is a friend who aids in deeds when deeds are necessary."

"Jim," an ardent sports enthusiast, played football for four years and not content with that made himself a useful member of the track team.

CATHERINE SCHAB "Kitty"

"Laughter is the best medicine."

Kitty played in the band in her freshman year. She was a member of the Community Service Club and the Art Club, was Miss Teed's secretary and was a Bank Day Cashier. Kitty was on the decorating committee for the Junior Prom and was a member of the History Club. Kitty also was on the ticket committee for our Senior Play.

NANCY ELIZABETH SCHUHLE "Schultzie"

"Modesty is the citadel of beauty."

Nancy played the part of "Elsie" in the Armistice Day Play, "Our Miss Brooks." She was on the Netop and Yearbook Staffs and was treasurer of the French Club. She was also a member of the Art Club, Community Service Club, and served on many committees. Nancy was on the tumbling team and played in the orchestra for one year. Besides this she was an office girl for two years. Nancy also was in charge of the properties for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

CHARLOTTE SLATKAVITZ

"True friendship glistens and glows like a diamond."

Charlotte was the secretary of the Art Club and in addition was secretary to Mr. Putnam. She was a member of the French Club, Girls' Glee Club, Camera Club, History Club, Community Service Club, Home Economics Club, and the Art Club. Charlotte ushered for Junior Prize Speaking and was a Bank Day Cashier. She was Captain of the Twirlers and played the part of "Edna" in the Columbus Day Play, "And Came The Spring." She also was on the ticket committee for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

EUGENE SOJKA "Sojk"

"His figure, tall and straight and lithe."

Sojk was a four letter man. He played football, baseball, and basketball for four years. He was on the Track Team his Junior year and also his Senior year. Sojk was Captain of the Football Team during his Senior year.

VALEDA ST. GERMAIN "Val"

"Making merry in odd tones and an outlandish babble of words."

Val was a member of the Girls' Glee Club for two years. She also belonged to the Community Service Club and the Home Economics Club. "Val" was a J.V. cheerleader her Sophomore year.

DOUGLAS GEORGE STOTZ "Doug"

"Direct him not whose way himself will choose."

Doug played football for three years. He was a member of the Boys' Glee Club for three years, he belonged to the History Club and the Art Club, and he played Intramural Basketball for four years, tennis for three years, and ushered at the Freshman Hop.

CAROL FRANCIS SULDA

"The qualities of an artist are a gift from heaven."

Carol was a star forward on the Girls' Basketball Team for four years, she was also one of the energetic "bases" on the Tumbling Team. Carol was a soprano in the Girls' Glee Club. Last year she helped the Juniors win the trophy in Intramural Basketball. The second prize in Junior Prize Speaking was also won by Carol. She was one of the artists for the Netop and Yearbook and brightened the pages of both with her excellent drawings. Carol took the part of Jane in the play "Our Miss Brooks," and did a very fine job. The part of "Elizabeth," the lead in the Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" was ably portrayed by Carol.

MARJORY SWEHLA "Marge"

"Full of life, and full of fun
And a better friend there is none."

Marge played in the band for four years, the orchestra for four years, and the Swingsters for two years. She was a member of the Art Club, Glee Club, History Club, and the Community Service Club. Marge was on the basketball team for four years and the tumbling team for three years. She was a member of the Netop and Yearbook Staffs, ushered at the Junior Prom, and was a Prize Speaker. Marge was Chairman of the play "Our Miss Brooks." Marge was also Henrietta in our Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

JOANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS "Jo"

"Born with the gift of laughter."

Jo was a J.V. Cheerleader for one year, a Varsity Cheerleader for one year and played Intramural Basketball for four years. She was a member of the History Club, Home Economics Club, and the Community Service Club. Jo was an usher at the Junior Prom, was secretary to Mr. Galvin and took part in the Christmas play her freshman year. She was also one of the girls who took care of properties for our Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

PATRICIA TRANOWSKI "Pati"

"It is good to lenghten to the last sunny mood."

Pati played in the band for one year, sang in the Glee Club three years, and was Manager of Girls' Basketball Team for one year. She belonged to the Art, Community Service, and History Clubs. Pati served on many refreshment committees and ushered at Class Day and Graduation. She played the part of "Marg" in the Armistice Day play, "Our Miss Brooks." Pati also was one of the girls who took care of properties for our Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

JOAN BERNARDETTE TUVEK "Joanie"

"Quietness is best."

Joanie belonged to the French Club, the History Club, the Art Club, and the Community Service Club. She ushered at the Junior Prom and was secretary to Miss Porter. Joanie also sang in the Glee Club for three years.

JEANNETTE VERRIER "Jane"

"Life is not so short but there is always time for courtesy."

Jeannette was a cheerful member of the Girls' Glee Club. She also was a member of the French Club, Art Club, and the Community Service Club.

HEATHER WARREN "Bonnie"

"Friends are born not made."

Bonnie was an active three year member of the Community Service Club, the Art Club for two years and the History Club her senior year. She was a member of the Camera Club and Business Manager for Prize Speaking. She ushered at the Freshman Hop and Prize Speaking along with being on the decoration committee for the Sophomore Social. Bonnie was a tumbler for three years and participated in the Columbus Day play. She also was on the refreshment committee for the Freshman Hop and was a member of the Netop and Yearbook Staffs. As one of the girls in charge of costumes for our Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," she was great.

JOAN CAROL WEBSTER "Joany"

"Cheerfulness is a companion of success."

Joany was a member of the band and orchestra for two years and played in the Swingsters for one year. She sang in the Glee Club for three years and acted as Section Leader her third year. Joany was a three year member of the Community Service Club, a two year member of the Art and History Clubs, and a French Club member for one year. She ushered at the Sophomore Social and the Freshman Hop and was on numerious decorating committees. She played the part of Miss Audubon in "Our Miss Brooks." Joanie was also assistant to Miss Teed for our Senior Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

EILEEN WELCOME "Eli"

"Let them call it mischief;
When it is past and prospered 'twill be virtue."

Eileen was on the decorating committee for our Sophomore Social. She was a member of the Home Economics Club and was on the nominating committee her junior year. She was a member of the Glee Club, ushered at the Junior Prom, and was an alternate for Junior Prize Speaking. She also was a member of the Community Service Club, History Club, and participated in the Armistice Day Play. She was an alternate cheerleader and a Bank Day Cashier. Eileen was also on the ticket committee for our Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

PATRICIA WONSEY

"Pat"

"In silence may virtue lie."

Pat was an efficient and a very capable Bank Day Cashier. Her classmates found her an understanding and sympathetic friend — one who by mere silence spread peace where before there was discord.

BARBARA YORK

"Barb"

"To talk with Barb is
well worth while
For then you see her
cheery smile."

Barb came to T.F.H.S. at the beginning of her Junior year, therefore her time was taken up mostly with attentive studying and getting adjusted to the daily life in a new school. Her unfailing enthusiasm for everything in the Turners Falls High School endeared her to all her classmates.

JANET MARY WELSH

"Jan"

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

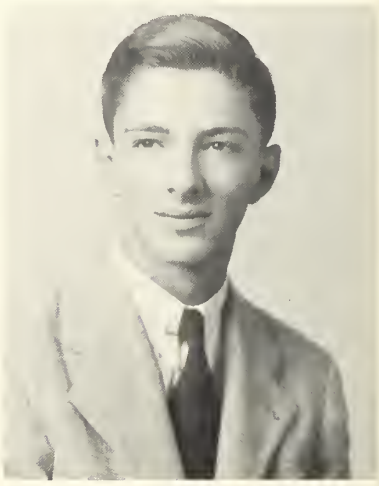
Jan was a member of the History Club and she also belonged to the Community Service Club for three years. The field of commercial work found her secretary to Miss Argy and a bank day cashier. She sang with the Girls' Glee Club and this year wrote the narration for the Christmas concert. She was one of the twirlers in our band and was lieutenant during her Senior year. In addition, she served on various dance committees and she also ushered at Junior Prize Speaking. In the Armistice Day Play, Jan played the part of Faith, a student. Although in many activities, she was on the Netop staff and was co-editor of our yearbook. "Jan" ably portrayed Alfred Moulton-Barrett in the Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

EDWARD WIBERG

"Ed"

"With never a frown, but
always a smile
To know this fellow is
well worth while."

Ed sang with the Boys' Glee Club for three years. He was also an active member of the track team for two years. During this time he became the holder of the one mile record for T.F.H.S. and he was also in the Valley League.



ERNEST YUKL

"Ernie"

"He is a gentleman because
his nature is kind and affable
to every creature."

Ernie was a member of the History and Camera Clubs. In addition, he sang with the Boys' Glee Club. Ernie was in the Columbus Day play in which he portrayed the part of Keith. Although his time was occupied mostly by the Netop and Yearbook, he was able to be the manager of the tennis team. Ernie did a fine job in the role of Dr. Chambers in the Senior play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

Our Achievements

	BEST DRESSED	
Stanley Kestyn		Barbara Jurek
	MOST POPULAR	
Louis Councilman		Wilma Lyman
	DONE MOST FOR CLASS	
Richard Thompson		Mildred Call
	MOST DIGNIFIED	
Ferdinand Olchowski		Ella Dauphanais
	MOST TALENTED	
Carol Shulda		Paul Lemoine
	MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	
Earl Kukukla		Isabelle Dickson
	MOST TALKATIVE	
Valeda St. Germain		Ernest Momaney
	BEST ACTOR AND ACTRESS	
Wilma Lyman		Raymond Bender
	PEPPIEST	
Amy Cotter		Louis Councilman
	BEST ATHLETE	
Eugene Sojka		Alice Jackson
	MOST MUSICAL	
Margie Swelha		Ferdinand Olchowski
	CUTEST	
Amy Cotter		Ernest Momaney
	MOST BUSINESSLIKE	
Marian Duncan		Louis Robert
	MOST RELIABLE	
Janet Welsh		Ferdinand Olchowski
	SID AND IMOGENE	
Phyllis Nelson		Donald Kelly
	BEST LOOKING	
Edna Gendreau		Stanley Kestyn
	MOST COURTEOUS	
Isabelle Dickson		Philip Bordeaux

We favored, shunned,

NAME	TYPICAL PHRASE	IDOL	BUGBEAR
Annear, Jackie	Tuff enuff	Buzz	U. S. N.
Beauchamp, Joan	Hey kids! Wait for me	Paul	Amy
Bender, Ray	How you fixed for blades?	Mike Hammer	Hecters' Jokes
Bialecki, Edward	How about that	C. S. M.	Dogs
Bordeaux, Laurette	Holy cats!	Eddie	My brother
Bordeaux, Phil	Hi Lewie	Gween	School
Brown, Lewis	These women	Zeek	Women drivers
Brozo, Patty	Why?	W. P.	Study 4
Cadran, Walter	What's new?	? ?	Study 3
Call, Millie	Honestly	Ray	Billy Care
Care, Bill	Gee Whiz	Doug	The Blobs
Chagnon, Helen	Wait a minute	D D-699	My kid brother
Cotter, Amy	Where's Mary Lou	Dick	Joan & Trudy
Councilman, Louie	Horp	Rubber nose	M. O. L.
Cousino, Jean	Don't know do ya!	B. K.	E. H.
Crossman, Roger	You don't appreciate me	A. Godfrey	J. LaRosa
Croteau, Elizabeth	Oh! No	J. L.	Hats
Damon, Grace	When?	Sergeant Morrin	Cars
Dauphinais, Ella	Really!	B. S.	Study 4
Desautels, Robert	Cut it out	Ray	Bill Parks
Dickson, Isabelle	Pretty Tricky	Popeye	L. C.
Duncan, Marian	Heavenly Days	Howard	Monday morning
Evans, Helen	Real George huh!	Bub	Kid brothers
Folk, Joe	Ah quit it	Tim Graeber	Yankees
Folk, Kay	How should I know?	Mr. Driver Ed.	Study 4
Fritz, Christian	Hey Joe	Howdy Doody	1938 Fords

NAME	TYPICAL PHRASE	IDOL	BUGBEAR
Gelinas, Don	Not bad	Miss Lindsay	Bill Parks
Gendreau, Edna	Pow	L. R. W.	Cats
Greene, Shirley	Hi kid	?	Show-offs
Greenough, Don	Hi Doll	Jerry Lewis	Red P.
Hanley, Maureen	Gee's-o-Man	J. J.	Parasites
Hastings, Nancy	Sure	Jim-B. H.	Some people!!
Jackson, Dunston	Oh	Matt	Mr. O.
Jackson, Alice	No kidding Dick Tracy	Carroll-D. A. J.	Miss W.
Jurek, Barbara	No kidding Dick Tracy	Joe College	Double-chins
Kelly, Don	How about a ride home?	Sojka	Girls
Kendrow, Dolores	I don't care	Bill	Homework
Kestyn, Stanley	Dig that crazy kid	B. L. R.	Buttsy
Kozloski, Mary L.	Where's Amy	Gene	Men
Kukukla, Earl	All right	Gen. Litzenberg	Shopping
La Claire, Teddy	One for the road	Melvin	Scoop
Lemoine, Paul	Hi you all	Uncle Wally	Belly Beves
Lyman, Wilma	What a dope	Putt	Bermuda shorts
Magdycz, Jean	Oh no	Jack	College
Malinowski, Joe	How about that	Jim Piersal	Roda Abbott
Markham, Elliot	Hey kid	Boney	Monday morning
Matherson, Dean	Ya	Lindberg	Who's your undertaker?
Miller, Trudy	Oh! No	Jack Webb	Red M.
Momaney, Ernest	Get a pencil	Little Lew	Wilma
Murphy, Rosemary	Ya, don't say	Lary	Buddy
Nelson, Phyllis	Where's Joni?	Butch	Montague City
O'Hara, Mary	No kidding?	T. K.	K. S.

NAME	TYPICAL PHRASE	IDOL	BUGBEAR
Olchowski, Fred	Holy cow	Tinkle	Per. 2
Pallash, John	Great	Gen. MacArthur	Boats
Paulin, Roy	Is that right	Mr. Burke	Red P.
Phillips, Jean	Who goofed?	Gene-R. L.	Television
Pierce, Joan	For cripes sake	Mr. U. M.	Simp
Richards, Peggy	That don't cut no ice	Jim Piersal	Living in Millers
Riel, Martha	Oh no!	You guess	Wearing earrings in school
Roberts, Lewis	Oh shut up!	Marilyn Monroe	Herb
Russell, James	I don't know	Louis C.	Study 4
Schab, Kitty	Holy Moses, King of the Jews	D. S.	M. O' H.
Schuhle, Mancy	Oh ya	?	Gossips
Slakavitz, Charlotte	All right	B. B.	Study 4
Sojka, Gene	Pardon	John	Simp
St. Germain, Valeda	Big deal	Lindberg	Automobiles
Stotz, Douglas	I didn't do it	Sky King	The Blobmen of 21
Sulda, Carol	Really?	W. D. S.	Sonny Kestyn
Thomas, Joanna	Not really?	C. Z.	Sunderland
Thompson, Dick	Please prove it	Mr. Wrightson	Overly exuberant girls
Tranowski, Pati	Oh yeah!	Ronnie	Boni
Tuvek, Joan	How about that	A. L.	Glasses
Warren, Bonnie	I don't believe it	Harvey	Pati
Webster, Joan	Oh, am I tired!	Ken	Knee Socks
Welcome, Eileen	I nearly died laughing	Rocky	TV at R. S.
Welsh, Janet	Dig that crazy . . . !	Jerry Lewis	Neenie
Wiberg, Edward	Why didn't you ask me in the first place	Denny Dimwit	Swearing

-CLASS-SONG-

When we were young, so very young,
We came to stay with you.
We had a fine time in your halls,
Made memories not blue.
We talked a lot and learned a bit;
We smiled and shared a tear.
The class of fifty four will hold
Our Turners High so dear.

To meet the expectations of
Our parents and our friends,
We'll try to make the very best
Of what the good Lord sends.
When we were young, so very young
We came to stay with you;
But now the time has come to part;
And we must bid adieu.

Peggy Richards

IVY POEM

Through the years oh, Alma Mater,
Sacred was each loyal heart;
Time is swift upon us when
Fifty-four will sadly part

We shunned away the very thought
Although we knew t'would come,
When we'd forsake each treasure fond
And high school would be done;

Oh, the happy moments cherished
Of each friendship started here;
Deep within our warmest memr'y,
Thoughts like these will live so dear

And today at graduation
Grateful, humble, stand our class;
Diplomas clutched within our hands
Your doorway soon we'll pass.

Plant we now this bit of ivy
Growing onward ever true;
As we enter our tomorrow
Each of us will likewise do.

So we offer you our ivy
May your loving walls it soar,
As the future marches onward
With the class of "fifty-four".

Janet Welsh

Informal Shots

JUVENILE

CLASS HISTORY

Freshmen went through the doors of T.F.H.S. in 1950. We were starting four of the most important years of our lives. As Freshmen we didn't participate in many activities. Our first big thrill was the Freshmen Hop at which we were officially welcomed by the Seniors. Another big thrill for the Home Economic girls was that unforgettable night they served at the football banquet. (Sigh-h-h) The Freshmen football got under way and made quite a name for themselves. Gaining a little more confidence some joined the band. In June we viewed our first graduation. We were spellbound over this great event and couldn't believe that someday we might follow in their footsteps.

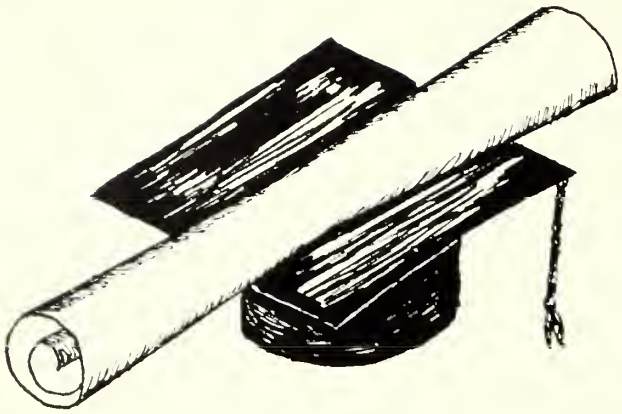
Our Sophomore year we really got into the swing of things, joining many clubs and extra curricular activities. We gave our first big dance, the Sophomore Social. To our surprise and delight it was a huge success. Our next big thrill was the first election of our class officers. We elected Dickie Thompson, President, Bobby Desautels, Vice-President, Peggy Richards, Secretary, Mary Lou Kozloski, Treasurer, and Wilma Lyman, Historian.

Our Junior year — upper classmen at last. Now our Social life began. People really began to take notice of us when we presented our Junior Prize Speaking. Will you ever

forget those butterflies you had in your stomach as you waited to try out, and the joy or disappointment of the next morning when we found out who had made it. The Prize Speakers were Margie Swehla, Carol Sulda, Barbara Jurek, Wilma Lyman, Roger Crossman, Freddie Olchowski, Ernest Momaney, and Paul LeMoine. Through the co-operation of the whole class Prize Speaking went beautifully. The winners were Wilma Lyman, first prize, Carol Sulda, second prize, and Rodger Crossman, third prize. Next came that star sprinkled night — our Junior Prom. The decorations were "April in Paris" designed by Martha Reil. Dressed in soft formals we floated through the evening, aglow with happiness. All too soon it was over. And so ended our successful Junior year, and left us looking forward to the last and best — our Senior year.

Senior year, the year we had dreamed about was finally here. We started out filled with new responsibilities and many hopes. We welcomed the Freshmen just a little sadly remembering four years ago when we had been welcomed in the same manner. Many of us were honored by being selected officers of various clubs. Senior play tryouts . . . hopefully and fearfully we tried our best. The lucky people chosen to take part in the play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street", were Carol Sulda and Dickie Thompson, the leads, Raymond Bender, Ernest Momaney, Elliot Markham, Lewis Brown, Philip Bordeau, Amy Cotter, Trudy Miller, Joan Beauchamp, Wilma Lyman, Janet Welsh, Peggy Richards, Ernest Yukl, Freddy Olchowski, Margie Swehla, and Roger Crossman. Joan Webster and Martha Reil were the able assistants to Miss Teed. All the committees who worked behind the scenes were just as responsible for our success as were the members of the cast. Naturally none of us will ever forget the party which followed.

The months flew by and before we knew it we were caught in the flurry and confusion of preparing for graduation. In those last days before we graduated we realized gravely that this was the end of four years in which our lives had really begun. And so we go sadly but proudly, leaving behind us a commendable record.



CLASS WILL

We the class of "fifty four" being of sound mind ?? bequeath to our underclassmen the following tokens of our highest esteem:

Sis Jackson leaves to Janice Zum her basketball ability. Let's have a winning team, Zum!

Neenie and Jan leave study hall in peace. Won't you miss us, Miss Lindsay?

Bender leaves his little home on the hill to anyone who is darn fool enough to live in the wilderness.

Sojak leaves the road to Millers open to David McKay.

Simp Kelly leaves his gold plated church key to Red Piotrowski. Don't wear it out, Red.

Valeda St. Germain leaves her giggle to Trixee Eddy.

Buddy Fritz and Sonny Kestyn refuse to leave the Patch.

Eileen leaves Rocky although she'd rather not.

Joanie Pierce leaves her excellent marks and her perfect attendance to Kenny Kellyhouse. We hope he will be as faithful.

Peggy Richards leaves her French Horn in Mr. Weiner's office for some aspiring artist who will take it from there.

Jackie leaves her wonderful cheering ability to Patty Clancy.

The Seniors leave hidden dictaphones in room three for recording each day's lesson.

Marian Duncan just wants to leave.

Louie leaves his ability to annoy Miss Lindsay to Punky Hurlbut. We know you'll do a fine job, Punk.

Billy Care leaves his exquisite hair cut to Fred Gralenski.

Valeda and Rodger leave their flying ability to the birds.

Freddie Olchowski leaves his trombone to Alice.

The Senior class leaves all the broken windows to Donahue.

Jeanie and Dolores leave their consistent talking in Miss Little's class to Patty Mesic and Phyllis Cholevea.

Sorry, Mr. Oakes, we're not leaving Dunnie, so you'll have to cart your own movie apparatus around.

Red Momaney leaves his little book entitled "How to Pester The Girls in Ten Easy Lessons" to any guy who thinks he can do as well.

Joan Webster leaves her ability to going steady to Simone Guilbault.

Ernie leaves for the high seas. Anchors Away!

Tex Brown leaves his sophisticated walk to any Gill dweller who wants it.

Trudy leaves her Cockney accent. Righto, old girl!

Nancy Schule leaves her quiet pleasant ways to Sylvia Stratton.

Eileen and Joanna leave side by side giggling madly.

Elliot leaves his great typing ability (ten words per minute) to any Junior who wishes it.

"Tinker" leaves her great acting ability to any other canine who thinks he can compare.

Shiv leaves his sunny smile to Jackie Couture.

Mary and Kitty leave a new receipt for spaghetti to the cafe.

Zip leaves her I.O.U. from Scoop to any enterprising Junior who wants to become a millionaire.

The Patch gang leave their dream of a school bus or ski tow to the Junior Patch gang. If you can't get it by petition, get it by force.

Joe Folk leaves his size to Billy Parks. We hope you'll make the football team with it Be.

Jimmy Russell leaves his real cool hot rod to some crazy mixed-up kid.

We leave Mr. Galvin with a new lab. Hope no one blows it up.

Barb leaves her cowboy boots to Nancy Zimnowski. Sorry there's no horse to go with them!

Nellie leaves her curly locks and grand cheering ability to her younger sister, Babe.

And you'll never know how much fifty four dreads leaving you and all the wonderful times, Miss Teed.

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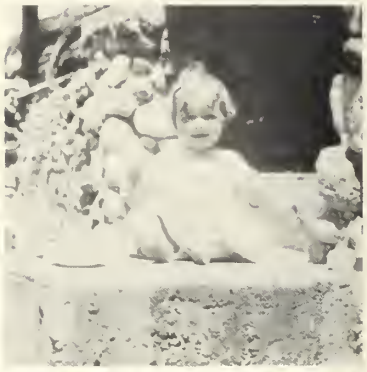

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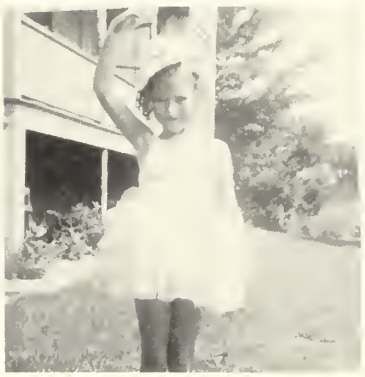

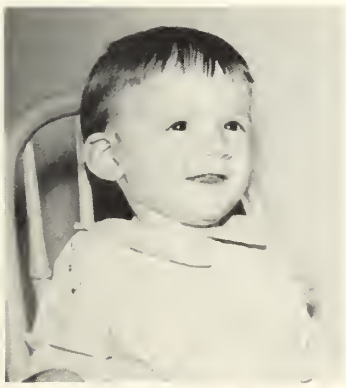

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J. Russell

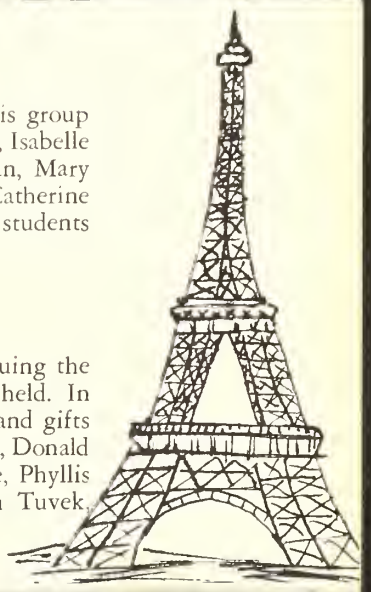
ACTIVITIES

PRIZE SPEAKERS PERFORM

The curtain rose on May 1, 1953 for eight anxious and waiting Junior Prize Speakers. Here, after seven weeks of private lessons with Miss Alice Teed, they faced an expectant audience. Each walked steadily toward center stage and then poured forth his selection. The curtain finally fell and tears of joy were shed as each embraced the other. After what seemed an interminable period the judges were ready with their decisions. The chairman steeped forward. The moment had arrived. Wilma Lyman captured first prize with her hilariously humorous narration of "Happy Birthday", by John Mason Brown. Second prize was awarded to Carol Sulda for her poignantly beautiful interpretation of Martena Tenny's "Intermission at the Monte Carlo Ballet". To Roger Crossman went the third prize for his masterful portrayal of Jesse Stuart's "A Penny's Worth of Character". That night with its excitement, tension, tears and laughter will never be forgotten by these lucky eight.

PRO MERITOS

Congratulations to the senior Pro Meritos who in order to be elected to this group must maintain an average of 85% or better. Senior Pro Meritos are: Mildred Call, Isabelle Dickson, Marian Duncan, Dolores Kendrow, Mary Lou Kosloski, Wilma Lyman, Mary O'Hara, Ferdinand Olchowski, Jean Philips, Margaret Richards, Martha Riel, Catherine Schab, Nancy Schuhle, and Charlotte Slatkavitz. May we wish these hard-working students the best of luck in any careers that they may choose.



LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

These are the members of Le Cercle Français, those students who are pursuing the study of one of the most musical languages of the world. Monthly meetings are held. In addition "Le Joyeux Noel" is celebrated by a party at which gay songs are sung and gifts exchanged. The senior members are; William Care, Amy Cotter, Elizabeth Croteau, Donald Gelinas, Maureen Hanley, Mary Lou Kozloski, Dolores Kendrow, Paul LeMoine, Phyllis Nelson, Ferdinand Olchowski, Roy Paulin, Jean Philips, Nancy Schuhle, Joan Tuvek, and Charlotte Slatkavitz.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

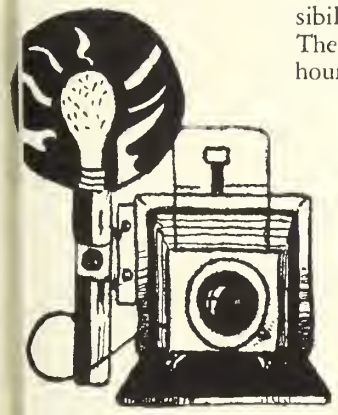
Ambitious members of the Community Service Club cheered patients of the Farren Memorial Hospital with colorful Christmas decorations and solicited members for the annual March of Dimes. Under the very capable leadership of Miss Helen McGuillicuddy we shall never forget the enjoyable hours of work and fun.

ART CLUB

Within the walls of their newly decorated studio, the artists of Turners High met. The leaders of the group were president, James Russell, treasurer, Robert Newton and secretary, Charlotte Slatkavitz. A trip to Boston, parties, and many other gay meetings helped to make this one of our most active groups.

HOME ECONOMICS SERVE

The Home Economics Club, under the direction of Miss Alice Reum, is that ever faithful group that furnishes the refreshments at home games and to them goes the responsibilty of preparing the football banquet for the hundred or more guests and students. The club was always willing to do the difficult work but they also spent many enjoyable hours together.



THE CAMERA CLUB CLICKS

The camera club, with its largest membership in three years, got off to an early start. It is under the able guidance of Mr. Oakes who started the club. The students have monthly meetings with a wide variety of entertainment. The elected leaders are Roger Crossman, Pres., Mildred Call, Vice Pres., Connie Koch, Secretary, and the Tres., is Eleanor Clark. Senior members are Charlotte Slatkavitz, Ella Dauphanis, and Paul Lemoine. Thirty-one Sophomore and Junior members are avidly awaiting another year of interesting subjects.

OFFICE GIRLS

This is the group of girls, who, under the direction of Miss Parks, each day faithfully brought around notices and collected make-up cards. It is largely because of the concerted efforts of these young ladies that our high school office is run with a minimum of friction. The nine girls, with Miss Parks as they are pictured from left to right are: Mary Lou Kozoloski, Noreen Hale, Nancy Schuhle, Helen Urgil, Miss Parks, Mary Ann Robert, Margaret Richards, Joyce Pervere, Elizabeth LaRoach, and Sylvia Stratton.

SENIOR BANK DAY CASHIERS

Senior Bank Day Cashiers under the supervision of Miss Olive Little every Tuesday collected and recorded savings from students for the Crocker Institution for Savings. In January their responsibilities were turned over to anxious Juniors, who will carry on with their duties until this time next year. Senior Cashiers are: Ella Dauphinais, Charlotte Slatkavitz, Marian Duncan, Martha Riel, Shirley Green, Patricia Wonsey, Helen Chagnon, Mildred Call, Kay Folk, Patricia Brozo, Janet Welsh, Gertrude Miller, Eileen Welcome, Dolores Kendrow, and Jean Philips.

LIBRARY AIDS

These are the girls who helped Miss McGillicuddy in the library. They gladly gave up their study periods and time before school to tidy shelves and stamp books for us.

THE HISTORY CLUB DISCUSSES

The History Club with Christian Fritz, President, Donald Greenough, Vice-President, Stanley Kestyn, Secretary, and Amy Cotter, Treasurer, is organized to discuss National Affairs. These meetings give the seniors an opportunity to have debates and express their opinions of the way in which the government is being operated.

enjoying each moment

Senior Play

OUR SENIOR PLAY

Long hours of strenuous rehearsing under the direction of our ever faithful Miss Teed proved their worth, when the curtain fell after the last set of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street".

Let us reminisce . . . Will we ever forget those rehearsals? How we laughed when Tinker, Flush, first toddled onto the stage. Remember Margie's agony as she watched Dick make love to Carol, and Ray's stern glances as he surveyed his flock of unruly children. Could we possibly forget Wilma and Red as they carried on their cheerful war? And Trudy. How she struggled with Flush. How many rehearsals lasted until six? Oh, so many, but they were relieved by rest time and those wonderful cakes. All the food that the cast consumed in so few weeks is unbelievable, but true.

Senior Play

Time went on and at last the long awaited night had arrived. Costumes! Makeup! Properties and lights! Everything was ready. The lights were lowered and a hush fell over the audience. The curtain rose. The class of 1954 will always remember the glory of their "big moment" as "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," became a part of the audience and most of all a part of them.

Those taking part were: Ernest Yukl, Carol Sulda, Gertrude Miller; Marjorie Swehla, Wilma Lyman, Amy Cotter, Margaret Richards, Janet Welsh, Philip Bordeaux, Ernest Momaney, Lewis Brown, Raymond Bender, Joan Beauchamp, Roger Crossman, Richard Thompson, Freddy Olchowski, Elliot Markham, and Tinker.

One Act Plays

"OUR MISS BROOKS"

The Armistice Play was presented by the Seniors, and we'll never forget all those fun-filled morning rehearsals. Nor will we forget the butterflies before the performance. The first picture shows a group of Miss Brooks students, the second shows Miss Brooks and the coach (Wilma Lyman and Raymond Bender).

CHRISTMAS CAROL

In December, the holiday one act play was presented by our under classmen. "Carol", however was portrayed by Joan Beauchamp of fifty-four. This one was one of the most amusing and enjoyable auditorium programs presented.

under their able direction

"BRISK STEPPERS LEAD T. F. H. S. BAND"

With flashing batons, white boots, and trim uniforms, these Turners High lassies proved their outstanding ability and energetic school spirit. At games and at other public appearances, each girl contributed with pride to the routine performance of the entire group. Long hours of diligent practice have rewarding results as shown by the twirlers of our band.

BAND

Who will ever forget our splendid band? This excellent organization, one of the largest and most active in the school, made an appearance at every football game and was an important part of our Christmas Concert and Variety Show. This picture is one taken at the 1953 Christmas Concert.

brought musical highlights

THE SWINGSTERS LISTEN TO NEW ARRANGEMENTS

To the tune of the "Music Makers", the theme song of the Swingsters, dances and entertainment for the school year began. The orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Benjamin Weiner played for the Cabaret, the Grammar School Social and the Girl Scout dance. The group also entertained for the Variety Show. The able musicians are as follows, Walter Lapierre, Geraldine Pucci, Carol Kozik, Fred Olchowski, David Wentworth, Alice Welsh, Kearin Thomas, Stanley Kopec, James O'Shea, Dorothy LaShier, Connie Koch, Carol Scopa and Paul Lemoine.

THE EVENING WE SPENT IN PARIS

In May of fifty-three, we the class of '54 produced the spectacular social event of the year, our Junior Promenade. Will you ever forget the wonder, the charm, and the splendor of the sidewalk cafes, the Eifle Tower and the lovely pastel gowns, as we danced into this lovely fairy land, "An Evening In Paris".

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Seventy two girls' sang forth at several activities this year. Among these were the Christmas Concert, the Variety Show and various Music Festivals. Under the guidance of Miss Florence Argy, the Glee Club not only poured forth in song, but enjoyed themselves immensely in so doing.

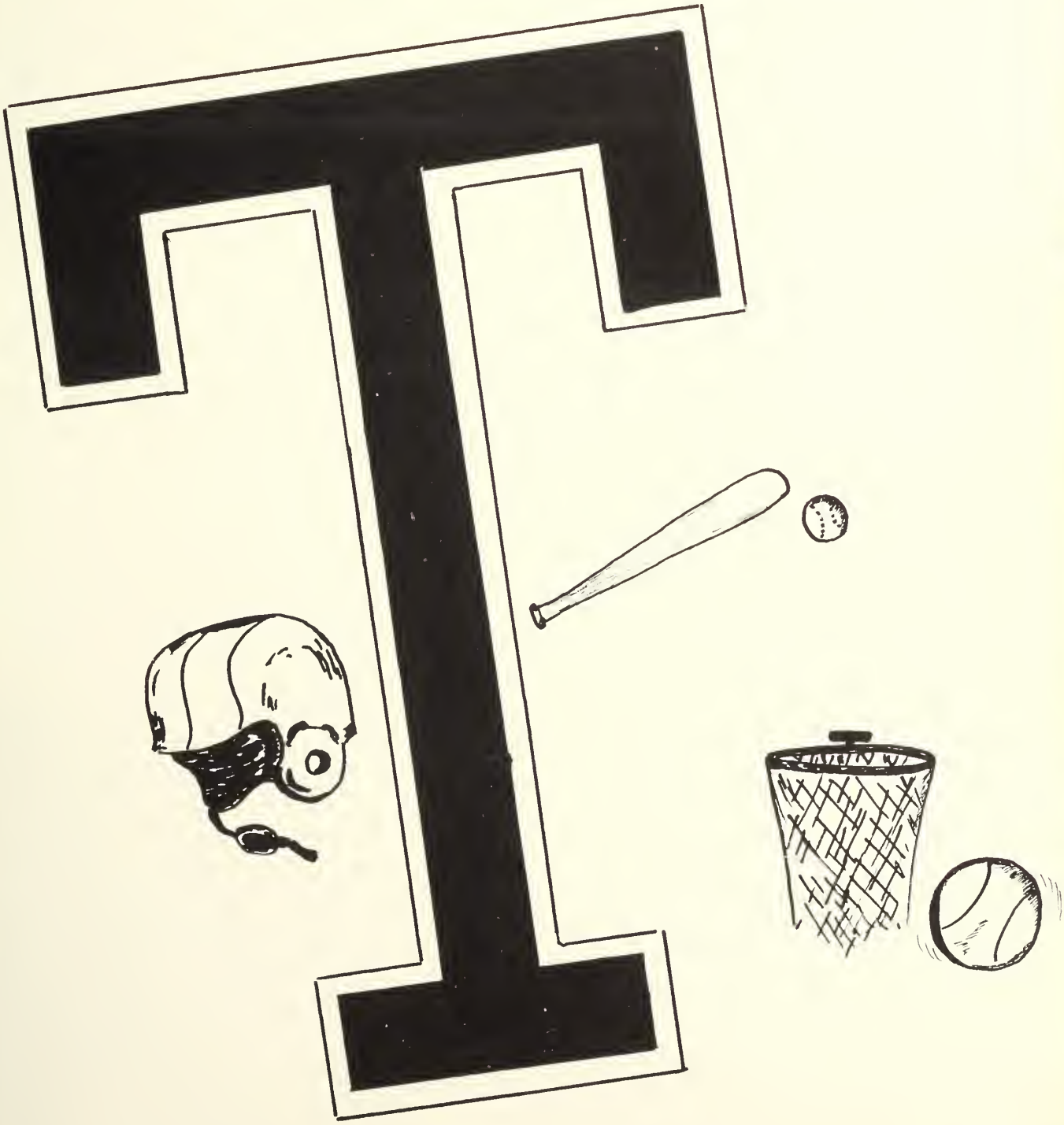
BOYS' GLEE CLUB HARMONIZE

The Boys' Glee Club added a nice note to the football banquet and put a good ending to a wonderful Christmas Play. The Glee Club is under the direction of Miss Argy and its officers are Ernest Momaney, President, and Elliot Markham, Librarian. The Senior members are: Paul Lemoine, Ernest Yukl, Lewis Brown, Roger Crossman, Douglas Stotz, Philip Bordeaux, Lewis Councilman, Ferdinand Olchowski, and Edward Wiberg.

CHEERLEADERS SNAPPIER THAN EVER

Congratulations to the cheerleaders of 1953-54! Their enthusiasm kept the spirit of the students high throughout the year. Can we ever forget the energetic captain Nellie? These girls really had a grat deal of fun, and did a splendid job. They are: Joanna Thomas, Amy Cotter, Trudy Miller, Joan Welcome, Barbara Jurek, Jackie Annear, Joan Pierce, and Captain Phyllis Nelson.

The spirit outstanding



FOOTBALL TEAM

Although the record of the football team wasn't the best, they remained undefeated in spirit. Week after week, they fought with all their hearts against the best teams in the valley. Under the leadership of their captain, "Gene" Sojka, they played as a team and practiced good sportsmanship. The Senior members of the football team are: Captain Eugene Sojka, James Russell, Joseph Folk, Donald Gelinas, Christian Fritz, Donald Greenough, Stanley Kestyn, Lewis Councilman, Ernest "Red" Momaney, and Douglas Stotz.

Was deserving of pride

BOYS' BASKETBALL

This year the basketball squad consisted of four seniors with a promising group of sophomores and juniors eager to fill any openings in the line up. The team was coached by Mr. Sullivan, assisted by Mr. Bordeau. On the floor the fellows showed good sportsmanship by fighting valiantly and loosing good naturedly. The senior players are: Donald Kelly, Gene Sojka, Bob Desautels, and Joe Folk.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

After much diligent practice, the Turners Falls lassies came up with a fast, well-balanced team this year. The girls will never forget the hilarious times they had on basketball trips. Under the experienced leadership of their coach,Mrs Reidy, they combined fun and good sportsmanship throughout the nineteen-fifty-four basketball season. The senior members of the basketball team are: Captain, "Trudy" Miller, Co-Captain, "Sis" Jackson, Phyllis Nelson, Carol Sulda, Joan Beauchamp, Isabelle Dickson, Jean Magdycz, and Wilma Lyman.

TUMBLING TEAM

Flips, twists and handstands — the lively and spirited tumblers perform their many tricks and stunts with the greatest of ease. These girls tumbled in the Variety Show and for field day exercises, exerting all their energy to please their audiences. Diligent practice combined with much good spirit made the tumbling team a big success. Senior tumblers are: Wilma Lyman, Jackie Annear, Barbara Jurek, Joan Pierce, Joan Beauchamp, Phyllis Nelson, Pat Brozo, Carol Sulda, Bonny Warren, Nancy Schuhle, and Helen Chagnon.

TENNIS TEAM

The tennis team, coached by Mr. Garrahan, displayed the will to win and true sportsmanship on the courts. The senior members are: Ray Bender, Doug Stotz, and Paul LeMoine.

SKI CLUB

Thanks to the unusually heavy snows of the past winter, the activities of the ski club were many. Almost every weekend members of this club could be seen on the slopes in and around Turners Falls. These boys definitely spent an enjoyable winter in the exhilarating air. Senior members of the club are: Donald Gelinas, Robert Desautels, and Lewis Councilman.

T CLUB

The T Club consists of athletes who won letters in various sports and maintained the Turners Falls tradition of good sportsmanship. The senior members are: Don Gelinas, Don Kelly, Gene Sojka, Red Momaney, Ray Bender, Ted LaClaire, Don Greenough, Lewis Councilman, Stan Kestyn, Chris Fritz, Joe Folk, Ed Wiberg, Bob Desautels, Doug Stotz, and Jim Russell.

BASEBALL

The baseball team was coached by Mr. Schuldt and assisted by Mr. Bordeau. Speaking from the point of victories and losses, last years season was not too successful and the present seniors feel as if they can avenge some of the defeats handed to us last season. On the field they gave their best and experienced a hard and well played season. The seniors on the squad are: Gene Sojka, Don Gelinas, and Don Kelly.

TRACK TEAM

Under the able supervision of Mr. Putnam our small but complete track team won many victories. These can be attributed to two things, first to the real ability of the boys and second to their high spirit. Congratulations boys, you did a fine job! Seniors on the track team are: Lewis Councilman, James Russell, Theodore LeClaire, Eugene Sojka, Robert Desautels, Donald Gelinas, and Edward Wiberg.

WE'LL HOLD IN OUR MEMORIES —

The day we first entered one by one . . .
In that moment it had begun . . .
Junior Prom, our own delight . . .
The thrill of Junior Prize Speaking night . . .
Music Festival, the town was praised . . .
Those band trips and the heck we raised . . .
Mr. Fugere teaching us to drive . . .
Simp's black chevy, sakes alive . . .
Pumpkin Prom was sure a night . . .
Cafeteria donuts, fluffy and light . . .
Fritz's interception against G.H.S. . . .
Willy's desk was one great mess . . .
Netop meetings, refreshments after . . .
Eddy Wiberg's hearty laughter . . .
Red and Louie, a couple of jokes . . .
That shutter bug, our Mr. Oakes . . .
Coach Sullivan, gosh, sigh . . .
"Sojk" as captain, what a guy . . .
Will, as "Miss Brooks" we sure did like . . .
The day Red rode down the hall on a bike . . .
Green union suits, the cheerleaders wore . . .
Thanksgiving rally, the mad uproar . . .
Miss Teed, the favorite of fifty-four . . .
Thoughts that will live forever more . . .

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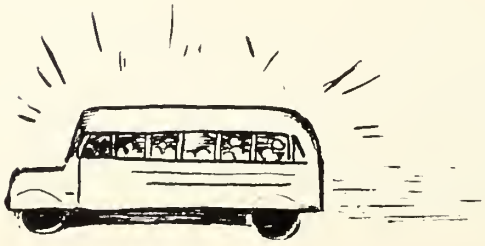

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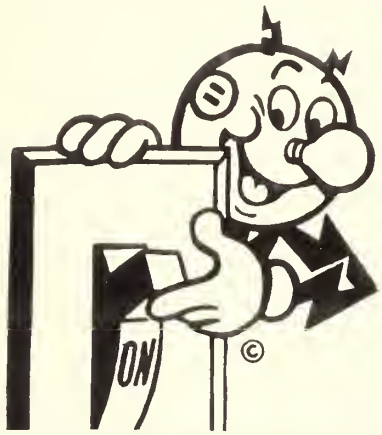

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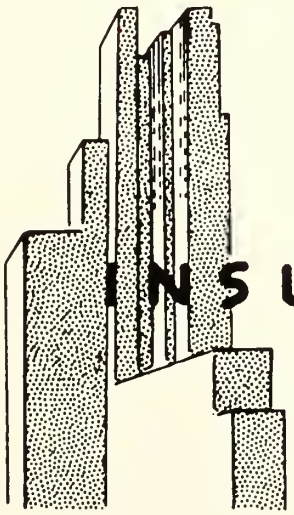

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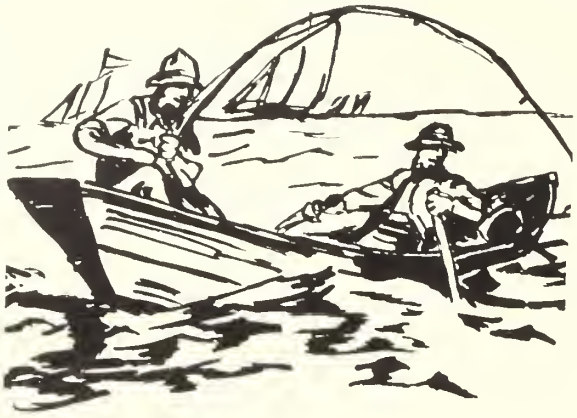

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